



In the spirit of the season, we’re pleased to share these heartwarming letters from Santa’s youngest fans.

Dear Santa,
Ultimate light board.
Ninja turtle stuffed animals.
Blue scooter with seat.
From, Brayden
Brayden Smith
Age 6
Eureka Elementary School

Dear Santa,
Ive been very good no strikes in school. what i want for christmas is gootitzus slinky, a shirt, a water bottle.
Peyton Lampbell
Age 8
Eureka Elementary School

Dear Santa,
My name is Jayvon. I would like a bike. I would like clothes size 5T. I like Paw Patrol things. I like football and baseball.
Jayvon Pollard
Age 5
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a new tablet, a fire stick, a furby, a 3D pen, markers, a paint kit, lava lip gloss, rainbow latch kit, and my play room to be finished. I hope you have a great christmas.

Bryar Bradley
Age 7
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I hope you have had a good year. I have been a busy boy and have done my best to be good. This year I am asking for football players, race car tracks, Hot wheels, nerfgun, football, artkit, Grave digger. Merry Christmas!
Tripp Barnes
Age 6
Eureka Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I want some legos, a Fake golf cart, and a chicken coop. I love you.
Hunter Parker
Age 6
Eureka Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie House for christmas Love, Madleigh
Dunn
Madleigh Dunn
Age 6
Eureka Elementary School



Dear Santa,
100 squishmallows and Iphone 15 put it in a big box. I been a good girl
Jade
Age 6
Eureka Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing good. I would like I bow nerf gun, tree house. I want snow too. Rubeen want bracelet kit. Guitar.
Tell Buddy hi.
Ravin
Age 6
Eureka Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas:
-Big Truck
-Money
-Red and green cowboy boots
-Stuffed soft snake
-Blue and red stuffed dog
-4-wheeler
-BB gun
-Yellow and blue hat
-Green and gray Tractor
Kole Metelaf
Age 5
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
Please give me a Nintendo Switch and iphone. Thank you
Dalton Brown
Age 7
Phenix Elementary School



Dear Santa,
Can you bring me toy reindeers and more.
I love you. Thank you
Curtis Moorefield
Age 5
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
My name is Khalia. I want a golden unicon egg cat. Thank you.
Khalia Hamlett
Age 6
Eureka Elementary School

Dear Santa,
Ultimate light board. Ninja turtle stuffed animals.
Blue scooter with seat.
Brayden Smith
Age 6
Eureka Elementary School

Dear Santa,
Ive been very good no strikes in school what i want for christmas is goojit zus slinky a shirt, a water bottles.
Peyton Lampbell
Age 8
Eureka Elementary School

Dear Santa,
Please give me changing colors lighting mcqueen cars, baby yoda toys, and pokemon cards.
Ramsey Brown
Age 5
Phenix Elementary School



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Dear Santa,
I want corgi stuff, slime, sweaters, ken and barbie, skipper, chelsey, and a barbie car and a toy for my dog Hoss. Thank you Santa. I love you. I also need a stacey doll because she is barbies sister. Also roller skates, no boy stuff, only girl stuff.
P.S. I want to see you so I can see if you are real. Thats all. Maybe a little corgi puppy too.
Adaline E. Marston
Age 5
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I would like lazer toy and joy for our family. Thank you Santa.
Faith Philips
Age 6
Eureka Elementary School

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good and nice. How are your elves doing? How many toys do you have this year?
Can I have a 6ft unicorn?
My friend has one too. Can i have some bad guys books, but not number 4
I dont want an xbox.
I dont want to sit on the tv all day
Hanna Jaynes
Age 8
Eureka Elementary School

Dear Santa,
My name is Journee Early. I would like a trampoline, electric scooter, make up set, baby alive, and fidget. I've been a good girl this year. Thank you Santa.
Journee Early
Age 7
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
This is Mrs. McCarty's and Mrs. Buchanan's Pre-K class from Eureka Elementary School. We have been really good boys and girls this year. Our teachers told us we have worked hard and learned so much! Here is a list of what we would like for christmas;
Hunter- mouse
Amberly- Kite
Calland- game
J'sean- fire truck
Hayden- elf
Irelynn- bone for my dog
Luna- doll and unicorn
Savannah- flip-flops
Logan- toy
Paisley- Barbie
Shanley- dog
Rosalie- robot
TaVaris- ghost fish
Bentley- trailer
Khyan- bus
Anubis- car
Bre'Yanna- barbie
Angel- barbie
Damian- toy
Michael- fire truck
Pre-k
Eureka Elementary School

Dear Santa,
This is Devante. I would like many monster trucks! I want a grave digger monster truck and the dragon monster truck. I would also love to have the other grave digger. Please! Please! Please! I want Max D as well! He's another monster truck! I also want a monster mutt, and a dino monster truck. Santa, do you have rocket reindeer? This christmas, I will leave you extra milk and cookies:) The last thing I want is Lanky Box merch.
Thanks so much!
Devante "Dre"
Devante Evans
Age 5
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
We are kindergartners in Mrs. Mason's class at Eureka. We have been trying to be so good. This is what we want for Christmas.
Easton Bailey - remote control car and Batman toy figure
Bravelyn-Fae Bronick - cat toy and Barbie Dreamhouse
Sawyer Church - Lego's and Paw Patrol Boat
Jordan Friend - watch and scooter
Hazel Gallardo - Shopkins and a dragon toy
Zayden Hamlett - big Batman toy and a toy soldier
Dakota Harris - phone and airpods
Zayn Harris - fire truck toy and tv toy with movies
Harper Higdon - Shopkins and toy giraffe
Walker Irving - skateboard and airpods
Harper Kirtley - Fingerlings and computer
Lillianna Mills - toy kitchen and cat toy
Ava Napier - Barbie boat and watch
Kori Robertson - Barbie set and tea set
Makenzie Sandow - roller skates and drums
Madalyn Silvus - make-up and Barbie boat
Olivia Tatum - fake horse and baby doll

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy all year so I would like a black dump truck with a trailer and a shotgun so I can hunt with my daddy. I hope you can bring my friends what they want too. Merry christmas Santa. I love you!
Camden Scruggs
Age 5
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I am a good boy. I'm on your nice list and for christmas I want a madden 24 and a mortal kombat. I also want a NBA 2k 24 and a gaming chair. Lastly, headphones with the micaohones in them, so I can talk and play games on them, and a spiderman 2 your friend KJ. I love you santa claus and christmas I love you santa claus to kj. And I love christmas to your friend kj. And i want snow please. And how your raindeers are?
Keith Jones
Age 10
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I want a truck that goes on water and land. I also want a monster truck with little cars so I can run over them. I want a camera with the picture things to make pictures. I want a look with race cars that pop up. I want another stuffed animal snake that can battle with my other snake. Toy guinea pigs, a kids game and a race track with cars that I can race with my sister.
Quinton Charles
Age 5
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike and toy car I can really drive. I love you santa and I hope you have a good time wrapping up gifts with the elves. Doc, our elf that you sent has been doing funny things around our house!
Can't wait until you visit!
Alaya Eubanks
Age 5
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I already wrote a chrismis list so just remember dont forget I just want a bike, ps5, Gunner
Age 10
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I want a race car, monster trucks, and a playground.
I also want new shoes and a new book bag.
Davontay Scott
Age 7
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa Clause.
I hope you are doing good.
Are your elves deing good.
I have been nice but it is your choice if I have been good or bad. If I was good, I would Like Some new Barbie accessorieg and a giant gummy bear.
Happy Holidays Love
Charlotte :)
Age 9
Eureka Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I want a lpad, a new coat plese, and a new hoverboard for christmas. And my own room and it says unicorn, and a unicorn bed, a makeup kit some headphones the bluetobe, and a big barbie house with a blake doll plese and a competer.
Love you Santa!
Skylar Duckett
Age 9
Eureka Elementary School

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season and a healthy,
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Dear Santa,
I live on stanton Hill road and I go to Phenix Elementary School. I am ten years old. I am getting ready to turn eleven years old. Im a small artist, and I want to make digital art. By the way, how are you this year? This is what I want for christmas; all I want for christmas is an apple ipad or lpad pro, with the keyboard. Also, an apple pen, and the mouse. Thank you.... And can I get pasco markers? Please? Love you, when I said “a small artist” i mean beginner.
Love, Riana
Age 10
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
How is the north pole, I hope you feel OK. my elf has been watching me. I think you are excited to get home on christmas. I hope I get almost everything on my list, and I would like a christmas wish please and thank you. I am having crismas at my grannys house. And make cookies and milk for you. I would like a my life doll, bike, and a magic kit. Please and Thank you
Dakota Alexis
Easter
Age 9
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
This year i would like any present that your little elfs can make. I have been good this year, when is my elf coming back? How are you doing? How is mrs. clause? I hope she and you are doing good. Let me tell you a little about me and what I like. I like singing dancing, I am nin years old and please dont give my brother coal and me. My brother is 8 years old. I go to Phenix Elementary School. My nana loves christmas that her favorite holiday. I hope you can come to my house.
August Howard
Age 9
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I hope this year I was good not naughty. I want 14 present (or less). I go to school from Mon. to Fri. I will try and catch you this year in my net or see you. We will watch a movie before we go to sleep. I bet your elfs will be working hard. Is the north pole great? Is rudolph red nose still work? Things that I want: freddy stuff animal doll, and video games too! And I want an giant among us plush. The toy airship(among us). I want Kung Fu Panda 2,3
Carter Miller
Age 9
Phenix Elementary School



Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy by feeding darwin, going to school, and doing homework. Anyway, did you have a good thanksgiving? I will give you 10 cookies and give it to you, 2 glasses of milk. I believe in you, I'm writing for presents ok? Anyway, I want super mario bros, wonder, sonic super stars, a lego sonic set, and cat kid comic club influencers. Please and thank you. I hope you have a very merry christmas.
Toby Brennen
Spears
Age 9
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
Hello! My name is Jake Moore. I have been a good boy. I hope my elf sparkles is doing well. I hope this year that I get a dirt bike, a gaming chair, and an xbox one with one with one gaming headset. I hope you have a marry christmas p.s. How are you reindeer and the elves doing?
Love,
Jake Moore
Age 10
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
How has Precious been? Has she been a good elf? How has rudolph been? Will he be leading the sleigh on christmas eve? How has mrs clause been? I've been a good girl this year! And we've got some new house arrangements this year and i'm very sorry if my female dog sadie barks at you and scares yourself and reindeer. What I would like for christmas this year is a magic 8 ball. Thank you very much and hope you have a merry christmas! P.S. tell precious I love her and expect to see her on Dec1st.
Your friend,
Kamri Robinson
Age 9
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
Merry christmas,. How are you doing. I hope you have a great christmas. I hope you get great gifts. I would like a bike, math flash cards, and a nerf gun. I can't thing of anything else right now. But you can surprise me with more gifts thank you.
Johnie Richard
Zuelly
Age 9
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I want a PS5, godzilas, and games for my ps5, smashers toys, amd a kid basketball cort, I want robux and bebux gift cards, and some gold jordans jerseys and all of the jurassic wold toys and a hole bunch of chains
Marcus McCray
Age 8
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
Hey santa How are you doing and How cold is the North pole? I Have been Good and Bad but hope I get present, And I dont want anything I want my Dad to come home
Love,
Andre
Age 9
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I would like a Rubix cube for Chhristmas this year how have you been doinggood and one more thing please let us have a good year can I have a toco bell card thank you so so so so so much I like tocos how much do you like cookies? How many children are there in there in the world?
Thank you so much
Have a merry Christmas
Haven Robinson
Age 9
Phenix Elementary School

This is Mrs. Arbogast's and Ms. Patterson's Pre-K class from Eureka. We have really tried to be good boys and girls this year. Our teachers told us we have worked really hard and learned so much! Here is a list of what we would like for Christmas.

- Sarai- Barbie Doll
- Maggie- Doll House
- Dominic- Minecraft Video Game
- Kingston- Red Nerf Gun
- Sterling- Spiderman Costume
- Oaklynn- Large Squishmallow Unicorn
- Kyrie- Airplane
- Christian- Slime
- Rosie- Toy Dog
- Alani- Coat & Umbrella
- Liliana- Barbie Dream House
- Jh'Ava- Doll House
- Day'Siana- Red Toy Car
- Evelyn- Barbie Doll
- Cayson- Bike
- Phoebe- Camera
- Skyler- Kitchen Set
- Beckham- Toy Jaguar
- Josh- Black Game Controller
- Mrs. Arbogast & Ms. Patterson's Class
- Age- Pre-K
- Eureka Elementary School



Dear Santa,
My mom says I've been good and bad. I want a vidno game and and ps5 contrliouer and a vambo and a red lambo and kobe grinchess size 14 and my size whatever my size is in two years. How are your rain deer my school is in pex virginia I want a trampoline a big one I've hope im on the good list and I dont get coal.
Luke
Age 9
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control thank you
Elliot Robinson
Age 6
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
How is the north pole how do you get to every house in one night?
Also I would love a new for wheeler for christmas. I know sometimes I bad but that is the mane thing I want a for wheeler. But also A Iphone, computer
Raidinn
Age 11
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa.
Hi santa i hope you have a great day and i wish anyone who believes in god will be lucky! thank you oh ya also i need help with work and if you come i will...iwill.give you food! So please come and help me!
Lukah
Age 9
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And before that i like to know how the reindeer fly?how are the northern lights made? How come people visit the north pole? How do you deliver present all around the world in one night. Thank you for reading my letter and merry christmas

Cassidy
Age 9
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa, i want a lambo lamidginie and millions dollars and VR and VR games

The end
Runner
Age 9
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
All I want for christmas is a Iron man toy also a miles toy and captain american toy, That would be all for me santa.

Christopher
Jackson
Age 7
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
This year I already wrote my list. But I didn't mention I need a lamborgine and a drivers liciens. I also want a Guicci purse. I want a nintendo switch. I wish for a happy new year. But I need a real driving liciens. I want friends. I need 100,000,000 dollars. I wish for everybody to be quiet when loud. I need a microphone to be annoying to my parents. But I also need the spirits and gousts to be real. I have been good. How about you.

Lily Pillow
Age 9
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing joy to the world. This year I would like

Slime kit
Matching doll clothes
Big squishmallow
Doorables XL the nightmare before christmas

Harry Potter
Wizardsing friends and Pals hermione

Wizardsing,
world harry potter enchanting hedwig

Tee turtle reversible octopus

Thank you for everything you have done.

Love,
Leah Paige Jackson
Age 8
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I was very good, I helped been a upstand and been kind, I'm on the kindness program I hopr GIA my sister is going to be on the kindness program too. Scents you been kind to me I'll give you a present, not just milk and cookies. But its going to be spiel and cool like you santa. Merry christmas. Good night to all, and all a good night. Hoo hoo hoo! Christmas list: LOLs, legos, board games like go karts, monkey see monkey poo! LOL sand Surprise.

Adrienne Morton
Age 8
Phenix Elementary School

Dear Santa,
My students have been very good this year in Kindergarten. They are learning so much and would love to have a few fun things to play with while school is out for Winter Break.

Addison H. would like a robot.

Aralynn M. would like a kitty cat.

Arayah S. would like a baby doll.

Briella N. would like a robot.

Carter S. would like a fish tank. (He said he will get his fish from the pet store but needs the tank first.)

Charlotte K. would like roller skates.

Ernie E. would like a chainsaw, rocket launcher, shotgun, 22 magnum, cricket.

Karleigh B. would like a doggy teddy.

La'Darius J. would like a toy crocodile and a toy shark.

Lorelai C. would like roller skates.

Skylar H. would like lipstick.

Zydenn R. would like roller skates.

Thank you so much! Safe travels on Christmas Eve.

Love
Mrs. Camp's Class
Eureka Elementary School

The Twelve Days of Christmas

Though it may be unlikely, it's not outside the realm of possibility that the founding fathers of the United States might recognize "The Twelve Days of Christmas." The words to the now instantly recognizable Christmas song were first published in London in 1780. Though it's unlikely General George Washington had time to read those lyrics, countless others did and have continued to do so well into the twenty-first century. One fun, relatively recent tradition associated with the song is to calculate the present-day cost of the gifts mentioned in the song. According to PNC Bank, buying all of the gifts in the song in 2022 would have set shoppers back \$45,523.

"The Twelve Days of Christmas"

On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me
A partridge in a pear tree

On the second day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Two turtle doves, and
A partridge in a pear tree

On the third day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Three french hens
Two turtle doves, and
A partridge in a pear tree

On the fourth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Four calling birds
Three french hens
Two turtle doves, and
A partridge in a pear tree

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Five golden rings
Four calling birds
Three french hens
Two turtle doves, and
A partridge in a pear tree

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Six geese a-laying
Five golden rings
Four calling birds
Three french hens
Two turtle doves, and
A partridge in a pear tree

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Seven swans a-swimming
Six geese a-laying
Five golden rings
Four calling birds
Three french hens
Two turtle doves, and
A partridge in a pear tree

On the eighth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Eight maids a-milking
Seven swans a-swimming
Six geese a-laying

Five golden rings
Four calling birds
Three french hens
Two turtle doves, and
A partridge in a pear tree

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Nine ladies dancing
Eight maids a-milking
Seven swans a-swimming
Six geese a-laying
Five golden rings
Four calling birds
Three french hens
Two turtle doves, and
A partridge in a pear tree

On the tenth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
10 lords a-leaping
Nine ladies dancing
Eight maids a-milking
Seven swans a-swimming
Six geese a-laying
Five golden rings
Four calling birds
Three french hens
Two turtle doves, and
A partridge in a pear tree

On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me
11 pipers piping
10 lords a-leaping
Nine ladies dancing
Eight maids a-milking
Seven swans a-swimming
Six geese a-laying
Five golden rings
Four calling birds
Three french hens
Two turtle doves, and
A partridge in a pear tree

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
12 drummers drumming
11 pipers piping
10 lords a-leaping
Nine ladies dancing
Eight maids a-milking
Seven swans a-swimming
Six geese a-laying
Five golden rings
Four calling birds
Three french hens
Two turtle doves, and
A partridge in a pear tree

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It's a season for reflection, hope and gratitude too, and we hope the warmth of its spirit touches each and every one of you.

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Aldrich reaches 100 wins as streak continues

On Sunday afternoon, Longwood men's basketball extended the nation's longest winning streak to 12 straight games, but it didn't come easy at the Joan Perry Brock Center.

Fittingly, the defense did the heavy lifting for Longwood (12-1) in a 68-49 win over VMI that also marked Head Coach Griff Aldrich's 100th career win at the helm of the program.

"It's neat. It's a nice milestone, but I really think it is a milestone for the program," Aldrich said postgame. "I think the vision, and I talk about this a lot, the vision that President Reveley had to build a program that the university could be proud of, I get a lot of credit, but it really has been an institutional initiative. We wouldn't be where we are otherwise with this new arena, with the Basketball Performance Center. That really translates into being able to recruit the right people. Taylor Reveley, Tim Hall (Athletics Director),

Courtney Hodges, who's the head of advancement, Matt McGregor, who's the CFO, this has been a huge institutional initiative, and we're seeing the fruit of everyone's hard work."

The Lancers were suffocating throughout the game and forced a season-high 27 turnovers, and the team grabbed a season-best 15 steals in the process against VMI (2-10). Walyn Napper had five steals, one shy of a career best, and Jesper Granlund added four while Johnathan Massie had three.

In addition, the Lancers stayed unbeaten at the Joan Perry Brock Center by holding VMI to a .391 shooting percentage without giving up 30 points in either half. It marked the 15th and 16th times the Lancers have surrendered fewer than 32 points in a half this season.

DEFENSE TURNED TO OFFENSE

Meanwhile, the defense turned to offense on a night when jumpers weren't



Griff Aldrich

falling. The Lancers turned the turnovers into 24 points the other way, gobbled up 15 offensive rebounds, and muscled in 56 points in the paint despite going 2-18 from three.

The trio of Napper, Szymon Zapala and Massie led the charge on offense, with Napper posting a game high 19 points. Zapala added 15 points, and Massie chipped in 12 with a team best eight rebounds.

The first half was a nip and tuck affair, as both sides shot below 40 percent from the floor. Neither side led by

more than seven, but Zapala had eight of his 15 points in the half to help the team hold a 29-26 lead at the break.

The second half started in much the same fashion, but Longwood's defense, as they have in many second halves this season, found another gear.

The driving lanes that VMI attacked early evaporated, and the Keydets only saw the swarming arms of the Lancers.

"I wasn't pleased with our execution defensively, particularly in the first half," Aldrich said. "I thought we were too soft and on our heels. Even at the beginning of the second half, their ball screen gave us fits all night. Probably at about the 14 minute mark, we really started to defend the ball screen. Johan and Szymon did a really nice job. I thought our guards did a much better job getting in front of the ball, and then they were left going one-on-one. That's where we really saw things start to turn.

They had to start driving into gaps, and that's where the turnovers started being created."

With the Lancers up 38-36, Massie scored back-to-back buckets with 12 minutes to play to get Longwood off to the races. The Lancers forced 10 turnovers in a 7-minute, 29-second stretch while going on a 20-1 run that decided the game.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Longwood returns to the road to take on N.C. Central on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 3 p.m. in the team's final game before the holidays. The game will air on WVHL 92.9 Kickin' Country.

"We've got to lock in," Aldrich said of the rematch against N.C. Central. "We need to learn from this game that we need to execute better and better and better. We need to be hungrier than we are. I'm going to challenge us to have a better approach leading into the Central game on Wednesday."

Region honors the fallen in 'Wreaths' ceremony

Their names were read aloud. One by one, the men and women who gave their lives for this country were honored at Trinity Memorial Gardens on Saturday. Residents from Lunenburg, Prince Edward, Charlotte and Cumberland counties all came out to pay their respects. It was part of the annual Wreaths Across America tribute, where people gather at cemeteries in the nation and remember the fallen, before laying Christmas wreaths on their gravestones.

This year, Trinity was one of more than 4,225 participating locations where the ceremonies took place, including Arlington National Cemetery. The only other event taking



Photos by Ted Hodges

Residents from across the area laid wreaths and paid tribute to fallen soldiers during the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony Saturday.

place somewhat nearby was in Amelia Coun-

ty. Event organizers estimate that across

the country, more than three million veterans were honored this year.

"I think it's phenomenal that so many people from different walks of life, different backgrounds, different races and cultures, can come together to remember the fallen, pay tribute to those who served and honor those of whom are still serving," said Silas Blanton. He serves as Commander for American Legion Post 32.

"It's heartwarming to witness family members, friends and loved ones participating in the laying of the wreaths," Blanton said after the ceremony. "I hope this tribute will continue for generations to come."

A number of different groups took part in

this year's event, ranging from the Daughters of the American Revolution to Boy Scouts and the Cumberland County High School's JROTC cadets.

WHAT DOES THE CEREMONY INCLUDE?

A Wreaths Across America ceremony is meant to focus on remembering. For centuries, fresh evergreens were used to symbolize honor and a living tribute of sorts. The goal here is to do something similar, laying Christmas wreaths at the graves of soldiers in a living memorial that also honors veterans, active duty military and their families. When volunteers say the name of a soldier aloud while

placing the wreath, organizers believe it ensures they live on in people's hearts and memories.

"What I love most about this day, and this mission, is that it is so much more than just the placement of a wreath," said Wreaths Across America Director Karen Worcester. "The wreath is the catalyst, it brings together communities - families and strangers -- to learn about those who have served and sacrificed. We have more than three million volunteers across the country and a third of them are children. This mission and the events happening today provide the opportunity to teach kids about what freedom is."



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We also hope to see you at College Church, both to worship with us at 11 on Sundays and to help us get things done in our community!

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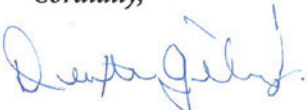
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